

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2039–S2114*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2238–2241, and S. Res. 407. **Page S2085**

**Measures Passed:**

**MF Global Bankruptcy:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 407, expressing the sense of the Senate that executives of the bankrupt firm MF Global should not be rewarded with bonuses while customer money is still missing. **Page S2113**

**Measures Considered:**

**Oil Tax Subsidies—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 2204, to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and promote renewable energy and energy conservation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

**Pages S2048–54, S2055**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1968, to change the enactment date. **Page S2055**

Reid Amendment No. 1969 (to Amendment No. 1968), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2055**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1970, to change the enactment date. **Page S2055**

Reid Amendment No. 1971 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1970), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2055**

Reid Amendment No. 1972 (to Amendment No. 1971), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2055**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote will occur on Thursday, March 29, 2012. **Page S2055**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. **Page S2113**

**21st Century Postal Service Act—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to

consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service. **Page S2054**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 60), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2054–55**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2055**

**Paying a Fair Share Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2230, to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers. **Pages S2055–65, S2065–68**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees with Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes. **Page S2113**

**Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act Return of Papers—**

**Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate agree to the House of Representatives request to return the papers on H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, and authorize the Secretary of the Senate to return the papers on H.R. 5 to the House of Representatives. **Page S2113**

**Du and Morgan Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the nominations of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Susie

Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Susie Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2113**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Brett H. McGurk, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2017. **Page S2114**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—60) **Page S2055**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2113–14.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Peter R. Lavoy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Lieutenant General Michael Ferriter, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Major General Timothy J. Kadavy, Deputy Director of the Army National Guard, and Addison D. Davis IV, Chief Executive Officer, Army Reserve Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Keith B. Alexander, USA, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, both of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense's role in implementation of the National Strategy for Counterterrorism and the National Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict, Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, and William